

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Proposed Action

Public Notice

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The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application to renewal and modify underground injection control (UIC) permit UNEV93216, which has been drafted for public comment, from the following Permittee:

Deerfield Production Company 2561 South 1560 West Woods Cross, Utah 84087

The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the permit which, in brief, are:

Deerfield Production Co. (Permittee) has applied to renew UIC permit UNEV93216, which was originally issued in 1993, for the disposal of water produced in conjunction with conventional oil production. The Permittee is requesting three (3) disposal wells be authorized under the permit, Eagle Spring 81-35, Eagle Springs 1-34 and Eagle Springs 84-35. The disposal wells are located in Sections 34 and 35, T.9N., R.53E., Nye County, Nevada. The Permittee is requesting the reauthorization of well 81-35 after repairing the well following a failed mechanical integrity test. The injection zones of well #81-35 are the Oligocene Garrett Ranch Volcanic and the Tertiary Sheep Pass formations, and the zone for wells #1-34 and #84-35 is the Oligocene Garrett Ranch Volcanics. The injection zone(s) have been characterized as hydrocarbon-producing zones, and the water chemistry is similar. Injection pressures will not exceed that allowable by regulation; and the average injection rate is expected to be approximately 500 to 2000 barrels per day per well.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to renew and modify, including reauthorization of disposal well 81-35 Permit #UNEV93216 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water

Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request <u>in writing by April 7, 2006</u> either in person or by mail to:

Attn: Becky Linvill
Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701
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All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Becky Linvill of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9503.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.